



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ETNA CITY COUNCIL
Monday January 26, 2026

Members of the Etna City Council met on the 26th day of January in person and TELECONFERENCE (Zoom). Mayor Cliff Munson called the meeting to order and led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

1. Call to Order:

a. Roll Call

Council Members Jason Deppen, Mayor Cliff Munson, Matt Eastlick, and John Stacher were present. Councilmember Brandon Fawaz was absent.

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None.

3. Consent Calendar:

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 22, 2025

b. Invoice Approvals

c. Resolution 2026-001 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Etna Authorizing the Mayor to Sign and Administer the Program Supplement No. 0000OA956 to Administering Agency-State Agreement for State Funded Projects No. RPL-5054(011)

Councilmember Deppen made a motion to approve. Councilmember Stacher seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Stacher, Eastlick, Munson, Deppen

4. Current Business:

a. Discuss/Approve Renting Office Space at City Hall to Marble Rim Gallery

Cora Brownell from Marble Rim Gallery explained some issues that their gallery is currently experiencing at their Fort Jones location and they would like the Council to consider renting office space at City Hall in Etna to them for their gallery. More discussion about increased costs and decreased foot traffic in Fort Jones. The Council and staff will draft a rental contract to present for approval at the next regular meeting.

b. Discuss/Approve Request for Qualifications for a City Engineer

Councilmember Deppen made a motion to approve. Councilmember Eastlick seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Stacher, Eastlick, Munson, Deppen

c. Discussion Regarding Recent Complaints About Roosters Within City Limits and Excessive Noise

Police Chief Josh Short gave a background on this issue. Chief Short explained that they received a complaint recently about a rooster on Main Street. More discussion about a conflict between the owner of the rooster and a neighbor. Chief Short recommended that our ordinances get reviewed and updated. Mayor Munson shared comments about being a rural area and some residences have 4H animals, and other livestock. Discussion regarding the noise ordinance.

City Attorney Andrew Jared (Zoom) advised the Council and staff to not comment on particular parties as far as enforcement and creating a new ordinance. Jared would like to discuss this issue further with Chief Short. Chief Short has been researching other city ordinances that pertain to roosters.

Chief Short asked for direction from the Council to review the current ordinances and make changes if necessary.

No action taken. City Council tabled the item for future discussion.

d. Discuss/Approve 2025-2027 RCD Lease

Councilmember Eastlick made a motion to approve the 2025-2027 RCD Lease. Councilmember Stacher seconded, and the motion passed.

Ayes: Stacher, Eastlick, Munson, Deppen

e. Discuss/Approve Park Rental Fees

Councilmember Stacher gave a background and recommended the Council to reconsider/re-evaluate the decision to double the park reservation fees. More discussion. No action taken.

f. Discussion City Cell Phones and Cell Phone Stipends

Discussion requiring employees to use their personal cell phone to conduct city business. City Clerk Pamela Eastlick explained that Asst. City Clerk Jenny Bennett chooses to use her personal phone for city business operations and other staff choose to call her or text her on her personal phone. City Attorney Jared shared comments regarding public records and employment law. Jared recommends that no city employee use their own personal phone and all employees use city phones. Jared also recommends not offering stipends for personal phones.

No action taken.

5. Department Reports:

Police Chief Josh Short provided a year end stat report in the Council's packet. The report included Calls for Service. Mayor Munson asked for clarification on one of the stats.

Public Works Director Dan Burbank reported that he has been working on the new ambulance. Burbank gave an update on the fire trucks that are on an auction site. Discussion about the noon whistle and getting it fixed.

Fire Chief Jake Deegan shared stats for the fire department. Deegan also updated the Council on the two fire engines that are on the auction site.

City Clerk Pamela Eastlick gave an update on the SCORE meeting she attended. Eastlick updated the Council on remaining grant funds that need to be spent. Eastlick reminded that Form 700s are due in April. Councilmember Deppen requested to be removed from the Solid Waste JPA.

Mayor Munson gave a report about a fraudulent bank change request, but the City will receive the funds back. Munson reported about the LOLA dinner he recently attended.

Councilmember Stacher is planning to meet with the county inspector to approve one more year of opening the pool. Mayor Munson shared information about grant funding available for property hardening.

Councilmember Stacher agreed to assume Deppen's position on the Solid Waste JPA.

6. City Council Statements and Requests:

None.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mayor Cliff Munson adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bennett
Asst. City Clerk